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Further information on EXTRA 157/95 (ASA 21/64/95, 7 December 1995) - Arbitrary detention / Fear of torture / Fear for safety

INDONESIA / EAST TIMOR

Martinho Pereira and 12 others in East Timor, including (new names): Rui Lopes, Jose Valdo de Araujo, Caetano, Teodoro Soares and Cipriano Cardoso

Up to 20 protestors at the French and Thai embassies in Jakarta

and: At least 57 East Timorese and Indonesian protestors at the Russian embassy in Jakarta

At least 57 East Timorese and Indonesian protestors who entered the Russian Embassy in Jakarta on 7 December 1995 have left the embassy and have been taken to Jakarta Police Headquarters (it was previously thought that the group consisted of 47 people). It is believed that the group was given assurances by the authorities that if they left the embassy their safety would be guaranteed. However, in the past, such guarantees have proved insufficient to protect individuals from torture or ill-treatment.

Witnesses described how, on arrival at Jakarta Police Headquarters, the group were divided into two; the first was taken to the intelligence section of the police station and are believed to be currently being interrogated. The second group was taken in the bus to an unknown destination.

The group of 58 East Timorese and Indonesian demonstrators in the Dutch Embassy are still refusing to leave. There is no further information on the whereabouts of 19 East Timorese arrested in front of the French Embassy and one arrested in front of the Thai Embassy.

There is also no further information about the whereabouts of Martinho Pereira since his arrest on 4 December in Surabaya, East Java, or the whereabouts of 12 others believed to have been arrested in East Timor. However, it is believed that Rui Lopes, Jose Valdo de Araujo, Caetano, Teodoro Soares and Cipriano Cardoso were among those arrested.

PLEASE CONTINUE APPEALS AS SPECIFIED IN ORIGINAL ACTION AND IN ADDITION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language:
- urging the authorities to clarify the current situation of the 57 people taken into custody after leaving the Russian Embassy in Jakarta;
- seeking assurances that they are being treated humanely in accordance with international standards; that they are being given access to lawyers of their choice; that their relatives are informed of their whereabouts; and that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is allowed regular unrestricted access to their place of detention;
- requesting that, unless they are charged with recognizably criminal offences, they be immediately released;
- seeking assurances that no one will be subjected to arrest simply for engaging in peaceful opposition activities to Indonesian rule in East Timor.

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Salutation: Dear Major General

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

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